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Note: This is an abbreviated and updated version of the Work Plan Proposal document prepared for the first meeting of the Law and Justice Interim Committee on July 13, 2007, meeting

Priorities and workload allocation

Study	Description	Time Allocation
SJR 24	Study of prison population growth and alternative sentencing	25%
HJR 26	Study of mental health services in adult and juvenile corrections	25%
HJR 50	Study of precommitment psychiatric evaluations	15%
SJR 6	Study of juvenile justice system	25%
Statutory	Agency monitoring and emerging issues	10%
TOTAL		100%

WORK SCHEDULE

Meeting Date	Location	Major Agenda Items/Themes
Mtg. #1 Friday, July 13, 2007	Helena, Room 102 Capitol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organizational meeting - Background primers on study resolutions - Agency overviews - Prioritize work - Review and adopt study plan
Mtg. #2 Monday Oct. 1, 2007	Helena, Room 102, Capitol	<p>INFORMATION GATHERING</p> <p><i>Morning</i></p> <p>SJR 24 and HJR 26 (Adult)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Research and analysis: Montana's prison population, substance abuse and mental illness in adult justice and corrections (legislative staff and corrections research/data collection staff) -- Panel presentation: prison-based treatment programs (corrections officials, treatment providers, advocates, criminal justice experts) <p><i>Afternoon</i></p> <p>HJR 26 (Juvenile) and SJR 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Research and analysis, Mental Health and Juvenile Justice System -- Panel presentations <p>HJR 50</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Discussion of survey instrument re: precommitment process and costs -- WORK SESSION: Revision and approval of survey

Meeting Date	Location	Major Agenda Items/Themes
Mtg. # 3 & 4 Thurs. & Fri. Nov. 8-9, 2007	Butte	<p>INFORMATION GATHERING</p> <p><u>Day 1</u></p> <p>SJR 24 and HJR 26 (adult, diversion programs, mental health)</p> <p><i>Morning</i></p> <p>Research and analysis: current law, programs, issues</p> <p>Panel presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- offenses and sentencing -- pre-booking diversion -- post-booking diversion -- courts and court processes -- community-based treatment -- prison-based treatment -- capacity, resources, funding issues -- Panel: law enforcement, prosecution, and sentencing laws, treatment courts <p><i>Afternoon</i></p> <p>HJR 50 precommitment process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- background research and legal analysis on process <p>WORK SESSION: Identify key policy issues for further consideration</p> <p><u>Day 2</u></p> <p>HJR 26 and SJR 6 (juvenile justice system)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Overview of Youth Court Act and Youth courts -- Panel on juvenile justice, mental health and substance abuse programs (judicial officers, youth advocates, county attorney, community-based service provider, youth correctional official) -- WORK SESSION: Identify key policy issues for further consideration <p><i>Afternoon</i></p> <p>Public Defender Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Roundtable with commission members

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Mtg. # 5 & 6 Thurs. & Fri. Jan. 10-11, 2008	Helena, Room 102 Capitol	<p>DEVELOP AND ANALYZE OPTIONS</p> <p><u>Day 1 - Site visits</u>, Boulder (optional)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Meth Treatment program -- Riverside Youth Correctional Facility <p><u>Day 2</u></p> <p><i>Morning</i></p> <p>SJR 24 and HJR 26 (adult system)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- follow-up research and testimony on policy options for identified issues, adult corrections -- WORK SESSION: develop options <p><i>Afternoon</i></p> <p>HJR 26 and SJR6 (youth system)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- follow-up research and testimony on policy options for identified issues, juvenile corrections -- WORK SESSION: develop options
Mtg. # 6&7 Thurs. & Friday, Feb 28-29, 2008	Helena, Room 102 Capitol	<p>SELECT OPTIONS</p> <p><u>Day 1</u></p> <p>SJR 24 and HJR 26 (adult corrections, mental health treatment)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Community-based programs -- Prison-based programs <p>HJR 50 updates and followup</p> <p>WORK SESSION: select options</p> <p><u>Day 2</u></p> <p>HJR 26 and SJR 6 (juvenile justice, corrections, mental health)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- mental health needs -- offenses, penalties, process of adjudication, youth court -- community-based programs -- correctional facility programs -- WORK SESSION: select options

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Mtg. # 8 & 9 Thurs. & Fri. April 10-11, 2008	Helena, Room 102 State Capitol	DEVELOP PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS <u>Day 1</u> SJR 24 and HJR 26 (Adult) -- follow-up on adult corrections and treatment issues -- WORK SESSION: preliminary recommendations, instructions for bill drafts <u>Day 2</u> HJR 26(Juvenile) and SJR 6 -- follow-up on juvenile mental health, justice, and corrections -- WORK SESSION: preliminary recommendations, instructions for bill drafts
Mtg. # 10 & 11 Thurs. & Fri. June 26- 27, 2008	Helena, Room 102 State Capitol	REFINE RECOMMENDATIONS <u>Day 1</u> <i>Morning</i> SJR 24 and HJR 26: Adult justice and corrections HJR 50: Precommitment psychiatric evaluations <i>Afternoon</i> HJR 26 and SJR 6: Juvenile mental health, justice, and corrections <u>Day 2</u> Agency Monitoring: Presentations of Agency Legislation - Dept. of Corrections - Judicial Branch - Department of Justice - Office of State Public Defender
Mtg. # 12 Friday Aug. 1, 2008	Helena, Room 102 State Capitol	FINALIZE RECOMMENDATIONS Committee recommendations legislation: Final approval Agency legislation: Final reviews Finalize all other work: Approve draft of final report

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